

**REMARKS**

Claims 2, 3, 6, 7, 9, 10, and 18-21 remain in the application for consideration of the Examiner with Claims 1, 4, 5, 8, 11, 12, 22, and 23 standing cancelled.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding objections and rejections are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and following remarks.

Claims 2, 3, 9, 10, 22, and 23 were objected to.

This objection is respectfully traversed.

The Examiner objected to said involving and said corrosion-resisting agent because the electrically insulating component reads on element 52 of Figure 2 or element 18 of Figure 1.

Furthermore, the Examiner alleges that Claims 2 and 3 recite said involving being affected by subsuming the corrosion-resisting agent and these elements could be elements 52 or 18 of Figures 2 or 1.

Clarification of this objection is respectfully requested because the Examiner appears to be objecting to the claims based on different embodiments of the presently claimed invention.

Turning now to the art rejection, Claims 1, 4-8, 11, 12, 18, 20, 22, and 23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Oshima; and Claims 1, 8, 18, 20, 22, and 23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Mine.

The cancellation of Claims 1, 4, 5, 8, 11, 12, 22, and 23 obviates the rejection of these claims.

Applicants appreciate the indication that if Claims 2, 3, 9, and 10 were rewritten to overcome the rejections and to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, these claims would be allowable.

Additionally, Applicants appreciate the indication that if Claims 19 and 20 were rewritten in independent form including the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims these claims, would be allowable.

It is respectfully submitted that Claims 2, 3, 9, 10, 19, and 21 have been placed in independent form and include the limitations of the base claims.

Furthermore, it is respectfully submitted that absent the clarification of the Examiner, the objection to the claims has been overcome.

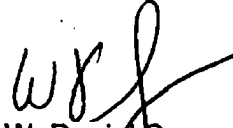
In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

While it is believed that the instant response places the application in condition for allowance, should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned in order to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

To the extent necessary, Applicant petitions for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any fees in connection with the filing of this paper, including

extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Texas Instruments Incorporated,  
Account No. 20-0668.

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